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Gentlemen:

The proposed MS/USDOJ settlement is utter nonsense, disregarding all of the anticompetitive issues found against MS in the original trial, and substituting a nominal wrist slap against MS. Given that an estimated 90% of all PC's worldwide employ MS Windows (Windows 3.1 thru Win-XP) it is abundantly clear that a monopoly exists. The proposed USDOJ settlement is a political remedy and not justice! I demand that our federal government stop the nonsense and uphold the original Court Findings. In lieu of that, the Court could "find" that as a monopoly MS must observe certain "rules as a 'Public Utility' " just as power companies and telco's must, although since power deregulation we have seen the economic rape and pillage by California power distributors that "regulation" was designed to prevent. Now then, since the first release of Win 3.1 the price of hardware to run the OS have dropped by a factor of four, while MS has more than doubled its price for Windows ... an 8x cost benefit differential. Is this ""rape and pillage" not obvious to our government litigators? What sort of sleazy game is being played by the USDOJ?

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